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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

Requiring all Seamen and Mariners in Her Majesty's Service, forthwith to Repair to the Ships of War to which they belong.

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WHereas by the Seventeenth Article in an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our late Royal Uncle King Charles the Second, [Intituled, An Act for the Establishing Articles and Orders for the Regulating and better Government of His Majesties Navies, Ships of War, and Forces at Sea] It is Enacted, That all Sea Captains, Officers or Mariners, that shall Desert the Services, or their Imployment in the said Ships, or shall Run away, or shall Entice any others so to do, shall be Punished with Death; notwithstanding which it hath been Represented unto Us by the Captains of Our Ships of War, which are come into Port to Clean and Refit, That great Numbers of Our Seamen, belonging to Our said Ships, do daily Absent themselves and Desert Our Service therein, whereby several of Our Ships of War are Disabled from Sailing, which is to the great Prejudice of Our Service, and thereby the Trade of Our Subjects is like to be Exposed to great Hazards, for want of Cruizers to Protect them from the Enemies Ships of War and Privateers: We have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Require and Command all and singular Seamen, and Mariners, and Seafaring Men, belonging to any of Our Ships of War, and Absenting themselves from the same, without the Leave of their Captains, That they and every of them, do forthwith, upon the Publishing of this Our Proclamation, Repair on Board such of Our respective Ships and Vessels, unto which they respectively do belong, in Case they shall be near the same, when they shall first have Notice of this Our Command, otherwise that they do forthwith Render themselves on Board any of Our Ships or Vessels, at the next Port or Place in or near which they shall then be, in Order to be Conveyed to the respective Ships to which they properly do belong: For which Purpose We do hereby Require the respective Captains of Our Ships of War, to Receive and Victual all such Men belonging to other Our Ships, and to Return them to their proper Ships, so soon as conveniently the same may be done; And that they do also take Care to hold Correspondence with the Captains of such Ships, whose Men shall so Repair on Board them, by letting them know the Names of the said Men, and the exact time of their Repairing respectively on Board; And that they do Transmit to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy perfect Lists of the Names of the said Men, to what Ships they do belong, and the respective times of their coming on Board, as aforesaid; And that they do likewise Transmit to the Secretaries of Our most Dear Consort, Our Lord High Admiral, Accounts from time to time of what Numbers of Men they shall have belonging to other Ships, that Necessary Care may be taken to Convey them to the Ships to which they respectively belong, as soon as may be. And We do hereby Declare, That as We are desirous to give all due Encouragement to such Seamen and Mariners Imployed in Our Service, as shall be found doing their Duty in their several Stations and Imployments, so We are resolved to proceed with the utmost Severity of Law against all such as shall Disobey this Our Royal Proclamation; And therefore We are hereby graciously Pleased to Declare, That such Seamen who have Absented themselves from any of Our Ships, and shall render themselves on Board the same, or any other of Our Ships of War, on Notice of this Our Proclamation, according to Our Commands herein, shall not be Prosecuted for such their Absenting Our Service. But that all such Deserters, who shall not before the First Day of February render themselves on Board some of Our Ships of War, or who shall hereafter Absent themselves from Our Service, without the Leave of their respective Captains, shall be Prosecuted at a Court Martial with the utmost Severity, according to the said Act of Parliament, and being found Guilty of Deserting, at this time, when their Country so much wants their Service, they shall be Uncapable of Our Royal Mercy, and shall suffer Death according to Law.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the Fifteenth Day of *January*, 1702. and in the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Thoorn, Jan. 6. N. S. The Bishop of *Potoczki*, and Monsieur *Dialinsky* Weywode of *Culm*, returned hither lately from their Country Seats, and, together with the rest of the Senators and other Persons of Quality who are in Town, were splendidly Entertained on New Year's-day by the King of *Poland*. We hear the *Swedish* Forces which are marched into *Russland* do not only exact great Contributions, but demand peremptorily that that whole Province should declare for them. Letters from *Muscovy* say, the Czar is making Preparations in order to attack the City of *Abo* in *Finland*.

Warsaw, Jan. 6. The Body of *Swedish* Forces which lately marched into *Russland*, under the Command of General *Steinbock*, is advanced towards *Lemberg*, and that General has sent thither a Deputation of several Officers to the Crown General, desiring to know his final Resolution, and that of the Weywodes of several Palatinates in *Russland*, who are at present with him, whether they will join with the *Swedes*, or adhere to the King of *Poland*. The Crown General received these Officers very well, and has entertained them with great Civility for several days, but has not yet given them any positive Answer. The Magistrates of *Lemberg* have declared, That as to their part, they are ready to pay the Contributions demanded by the *Swedes*, but are resolved to wait to the last Extremity before they admit the *Swedish* Forces within their Walls, and they have made so good Provision for their Defence, that it is doubted whether the *Swedes* will attack them. A *Swedish* Party advanced lately to *Krosno*, where a Troop of the Forces of the Crown was quartered, which has declared for the *Swedes*. A Body of the Forces of the Crown is drawing together to suppress the Cossacks, and Prince *Wisnowisky* Lieutenant General of *Lithuania*, who has been for some time at the head of a Body of Troops in favour of *Oginsky*, has left a Detachment to be employed against the Cossacks, and to secure his own Estate, which lying on those Borders, is in danger of being plundered by them. They write from *Luolin*, that the King of *Sweden* has kept his *Christmas* at the Count of *Denhoff's* House at *Szerckarzowitz*, not far from that City, and will shortly continue his Journey hither. A Person of Quality is come hither from the King of *Poland*, to confer with the Cardinal Primate and the Imperial Ambassador, and divers of the Senators of this Republick and other Persons of Note are expected here in few days to assist at these Conferences, in order to endeavour to accommodate Matters with *Sweden*, and settle the Affairs of this Kingdom, which grow daily more intricate.

Vienna, Jan. 10. Prince Eugene arrived here the 8th Instant from *Italy*, and had Audience the next day of the Emperor. The Forces appointed to serve against the Elector of Bavaria on this side, under the Command of General *Stahlick*, are drawing together near Lintz; the Saxon Troops and the other Regiments are likewise marching to their respective Rendezvous, and in few days they will enter upon Action. The States of the Lower Austria assembled here the 8th Instant, and the Emperor's Chancellor made a Speech to them, setting forth the Necessity of acting vigorously against the Common Enemy, and the Encouragement we have to hope for Success this Campaign, from the great Progresses of the Arms of the Allies during the last year: The Emperor then made a short Speech to the same effect, and his Demands were delivered to them in Writing. His Imperial Majesty has taken the Duke of *Modena* into his Protection. They write from *Hungary*, that the new Levies in those Parts go on with good Success.